

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

May 2012

BIG SOUTH FORK NATIONAL RIVER & RECREATION AREA &
OBED WILD & SCENIC RIVER



Upcoming Events

Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area

- **Open House** at the newly renovated Kentucky Ranger Station on Friday, May 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern) at 300 Wilburne K Ross Highway, Stearns, Kentucky. Come meet with park managers and talk with park staff about ongoing park initiatives.
- **Kentucky Ranger Station will be open** Wed through Sunday in during May and *daily this summer* from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend.
- **Astronomy Programs!** Paul Lewis from the University of Tennessee will present the following astronomy programs at Bandy Creek (weather permitting):
 - **May 26 Solar Viewing**
3pm until 4pm (Eastern)
 - **May 26 Astronomy**
9pm (Eastern)
 - **June 23 Astronomy**
9:30 pm (Eastern)
- **Memorial Weekend Activities.** Throughout the weekend, 15 minute programs featuring natural, cultural, and recreational information will be held at Blue Heron Mining Community and Bandy Creek Visitor Center. Call the Visitor Center for exact times.
- **New Bookstore & Information Center** is now open at Blue Heron. During May the store will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday.

For more information on these events, please contact the Bandy Creek Visitor Center at (423) 286-7275.

Obed Wild & Scenic River

- **National River Cleanup Day** will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Meet at 8:30 am (Eastern) at the Obed Visitor Center and help preserve the Obed and celebrate National River Cleanup Day! Stay for the volunteer lunch afterwards. Call the Visitor Center for information.
- Obed was recently awarded a grant to teach sixth grade students about the unique resources of the Obed Wild and Scenic River, while allowing them to participate in activities including rock climbing and paddling. The program will kick off on May 7th and will continue throughout the next week and a half. The schools participating are: Central, Coalfield, Joyner, Oakdale, Petros, and Sunbright .
- Photographers are invited to submit entries for an exhibit at the Obed Wild and Scenic River Visitor Center. More information & entry forms may be downloaded from the park's website.

<http://www.nps.gov/obed>

For more information on these events, please contact the Obed Wild and Scenic River at 423-346-6294.



**Volunteers helping during the 2011 river clean-up.
You can be one too!**